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SUBJECT: Results of August 15 Meeting on Ocean Dumping Issues

Forwarded for your information is the final report resulting from the Interagency Group meeting held August 15 on ocean dumping issues.

Brown McKelley
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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The Interagency Group on Oceans Law and Policy met August 15 and agreed on the following:

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-- The United States recognizes the jurisdiction of a coastal State over all dumping within its 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone. This fact should be reflected in preparations for the November, 1983, meeting of experts on the draft Convention for the Protection and Development of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region, including preliminary consultations and the preparation of instructions.

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-- A working group will be convened to examine the possibility of amending domestic law to extend U.S. enforcement authority over foreign dumping to the extent permitted by international law; i.e., to coincide with our Exclusive Economic Zone. The working group will develop appropriate language and make recommendations as to the most appropriate vehicle and timetable for such action.

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-- The objective of the U.S. delegation to the December meeting of legal experts on sub-seabed disposal of high-level radioactive wastes and capping of highly contaminated dredged material with clean sediments at sea should be to maintain the sub-seabed option pending the completion of research to determine its technical feasibility and risk to the marine environment. Similarly, the delegation will work to maintain the capping option.

State will prepare the necessary papers for interagency review and clearance.

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